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SUBJECT:UN SPEECH AND NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW

FOR LORD FROM SONNENFELDT AND BARTHOLOMEW

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1. WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN BASIC LINE ON UNGA SPEECH WITH GERMANS AND ANY OTHERS WHO SEEK ADVANCE INFORMATION, UNTIL MORE DEFINITIVE APPROACH TO NON-PROLIFERATION SECTION IS APPROVED. GENSCHER IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS UNGA AFTER DUTCH FONMIN ON SEPTEMBER 28TH.

2. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE SOME CONGRESSIONAL QUERIES ON UNGA SPEECH. CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S OFFICE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED ADVANCE INFORMATION FROM IO, CITING SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH HILL IN DEVELOPING NEW INITIATIVES. WE DO NOT PROPOSE GOING BEYOND INDICATING THAT SPEECH IS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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FLUX AND THAT WE WILL REPORT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, UNLESS SECRETARY DIRECTS MORE SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS.

3. FROM BARTHOLOMEW/FRI DISCUSSIONS AND CONVERSATION WITH NSC STAFF, WE UNDERSTAND PRESIDENT HAS ON HIS DESK ISSUES/ OPTIONS ON BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL REPROCESSING. AFTER HE MAKES REPROCESSING POLICY DECISIONS, HE WILL IMMEDIATELY BE ASKED TO MAKE DECISIONS ON OTHER, INTERNATIONAL POLICY ISSUES CONSIDERED IN FRI REVIEW. THREE FURTHER PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIM IN THIS CONNECTION: (A) PROGRAMMATIC (INCLUDING BUDGETARY) IMPLEMENTATION OF REPROCESSING DECISIONS; (B) A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW, AND (C) TOPICS FOR DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATION, FOLLOWING ONTO STATE COMMENTS AND SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. AS TO FORUM, TIMING AND CONTENT OF MESSAGE, WE UNDERSTAND FROM WHITE HOUSE SOURCES THAT IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS UNGA, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE STILL RECOMMENDING THIS AS PRESIDENT'S FORUM. FRI FEELS IT WOULD TAKE PROBABLY 7-10 DAYS TO PREPARE STATEMENT AFTER RPT AFTER PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED NO SOONER THAN WEEK'S END. SHOULD PRESIDENT CHOOSE TO DIRECT HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, HE WILL HAVE TO DO SO BEFORE OCTOBER 2 RECESS; OTHERWISE IT COULD BE ISSUED LATER IN THE CAMPAIGN SEASON. IN ANY EVENT, MESSAGE WILL COMPREHENSIVELY REFLECT PRIOR DECISIONS TAKEN IN NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW.

5. WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED THAT PRESIDENT HOLD AGENCY-HEAD MEETING BEFORE END OF WEEK, PRIOR TO MAKING NUCLEAR POLICY DECISIONS, AND THERE IS CHANCE THAT IT COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. (SEAMANS HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED REVIEW DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT.) WE WILL GIVE CHUCK ROBINSON TALKING POINTS SUPPORTING SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ADDITION, CHUCK MAY BE ASKED ABOUT WHAT SECRETARY INTENDS TO SAY AT UNGA. WE ARE PREPARING TO SUGGEST TO HIM THAT HE INDICATE THAT

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-- SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND ON PRESIDENTIAL DECISIONS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30. HE HAS YET TO MAKE FINAL JUDGMENT ON CONTENT OF SPEECH.

-- WE ARE SUGGESTING TO SECRETARY THAT HIS STATEMENT COVER SOURCES OF PROLIFERATION PROBLEM, DANGERS OF UNCONTROLLED SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, AND NEED FOR COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM.

-- IN ANY PRESENTATION TO THIS AUDIENCE, OF COURSE,
THERE WOULD BE NEED TO RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE ECONOMIC
ASPIRATIONS FOR NON-SENSITIVE NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT,
BALANCED BY NEED TO DEVELOP SAFE ALTERNATIVES TO WEAPONS-
SENSITIVE NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY. ROBINSON

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